

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 766 OF 2026

Rameshwar Pralhadrao Waghmare

....Applicant

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Others

.....Respondent

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Bhagat Abhijit Bhaurao
APP for Respondents: Mr. K.K. Naik.

CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATE : 8th MAY, 2026.

P.C. :-

1. Notice returnable on 22nd June, 2026.
2. The learned APP waives notice for State.
3. Mr. Bhagat, the learned counsel for the applicant submits that the entire allegations of molestation and outraging the modesty of victim is against accused Pawan Kharat and not against the present applicant. The only role attributed to the applicant is snatching the mobile phone of the victim and handing it over to Pawan Kharat. The applicant is a resident of the same village . The applicant is not having criminal antecedents except for the offence of theft registered against him. The applicant is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, the applicant may be protected.
4. Taking into consideration the limited role of the present applicant as per the allegations in the FIR, I am inclined to protect the applicant, however, on certain conditions.

ORDER

[I] In the event of arrest of the applicants, in connection with Crime No. 142 of 2026 registered with M.I.D.C. Waluj Police Station, District Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, for the offence under Sections 74, 333, 352, 351-2 r/w 3-5 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita and under Sections 8 & 12 of the POCSO Act, the applicant Rameshwar Pralhadrao Waghmare, be released on bail on furnishing PR Bond in the sum of Rs. 50,000/- , with one or more sureties in the like amount, on the following conditions :-

[i] The applicant shall attend the concerned police station and report to the Investigating Officer on every Sunday starting from 10th May, 2026, between 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. until further orders and shall cooperate with the investigation.

[ii] The applicant shall not enter the village Wadgaon Kolhati until further orders.

[iii] The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.

[iii] The applicant shall submit his Aadhar card and Pan card to the Investigating Officer alongwith mobile numbers and addresses of two of his near relatives.

[iv] Stand over to 22nd June, 2026.

[MEHROZ K. PATHAN]
JUDGE.

grt/-